

post offices in Kerala are having speed post facility;

I. UNDER NATIONAL NETWORK

- i. Alwaye Head Post Offices
- ii. Alwaye Town Bus Stand P. O.
- iii. Ernakulam Head Post Office
- iv. Wellington Island P. O
- v. Mattancherry P. O.
- vi. Udyog Mandal P. O.
- vii. Cochin Airport TMO and Speed Post Centre
- viii. Banerjee Road P. O
- ix. Cochin M. G. Road P. O.
- x. Kadavanthra P. O.
- xi. Quilon Head Post Office
- xii. Kundra P. O.
- xiii. Sakthi Kulangara P. O.
- xiv. Trivandrum GPO.
- xv. Trivandrum Fort P. O.
- xvi. Sasthamangalma P. O.
- xvii. Trivandrum Medical College P. O.
- xviii. Trivandrum S. P. C. C.
- xix. Vikas Bhavan, Trivandrum P. O.
- xx. Pattom Palace P. O.
- xxi. Trivandrum RMS

xxii. Thycaud Head Post Office

xxiii. Trichur Head Post Office

xxiv. Calicut Head Post Office

xxv. Calicut Beach P. O.

xxvi. Nadakavu P. O.

xxvii. Calicut City P. O.

II. UNDER POINT TO POINT SPEED POST SERVICE

i. Kottayam H. P. O.

ii. Alleppy H. P. O.

iii. Palghat H. P. O.

iv. Tirur H. P. O.

v. Cannanore H. P. O.

vi. Manjeri H. P. O.

(b) Introduction of Speed Post to new cities/towns is an on-going process keeping in view the customers needs, availability of suitable transmission network and traffic and commercial viability.

Post Office in Kerala

6274. SHRI P. C. THOMAS:
SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for opening of new post offices;

(b) whether the Government propose to open new post offices in Kerala during 1992-93;

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(d) the number of post offices proposed to be upgraded during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, this as per statement given below.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is feasible to indicate, at this stage, the details of post offices, which may be opened, subject to justification during the year 1992-93, as the target in this respect for the Annual Plan (1992-93), has not been finalised.

(d) 10 post offices are proposed to be upgraded during the year, subject to justification.

STATEMENT

Criteria/Norms fixed for opening new post offices in rural areas effective from 1. 4. 1991.

The following norms for opening branch post offices effective from 1.4.1991 have been adopted.

(i) *Population:*

(a) *In normal areas:*

3000 population in a group of villages (including the PPO villages).

(b) *In the Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible areas:*

500 population in an individual villages or 1000

population in a group of villages.

(ii) *Distance:*

(a) *In normal areas:*

The Minimum distances from the nearest existing post office will be 3 Kms.

(b) *In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible areas:*

The distance limit will be the same as above except that in hilly areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by specially circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

(iii) *Anticipated income:*

(a) *In normal areas:*

The minimum anticipated revenue will be 33 1/3% of cost.

(b) *In hilly, tribal desert and Inaccessible areas:*

The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

Departmental Sub Post Offices (Plan)

Since November, 1987 Departmental sub post offices are also sanctioned under the Plan Scheme subject to the following conditions:—

(i) The Scheme covers departmental sub offices to be set up in project areas new industrial estates/townships/satellite colonies developed in the periphery of cities/urban agglomerations and other similar developments which have come up in new areas in pursuance of the Plan activities of State and Central Government departments and agencies. In other words, the concept of Postal sector plan to be enlarged to cover the postal infrastructure required for the overall National Plan.

(ii) The proposed sub offices should have a minimum anticipated work-load of 5 hours per day.

(iii) While departmental sub offices are expected to be financially self supporting, in rural areas a loss up to Rs. 2400/- per annum is allowed Rs. 4800/- in hilly/backward/tribal areas.

[*Translation*]

Irregularities in Safdarjung Airport

6275. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem appeared in the 'Jansata' dated January 10, 1992 regarding irregularities in the functioning of Safdarjung airport; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.